

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1, 2 and 12-18. The Examiner, though, has objected to informalities in claims 1, 2 and 12-17, and in specified portions of the specification. Claims 1-18 are currently pending, with claims 3-11 being withdrawn from consideration.

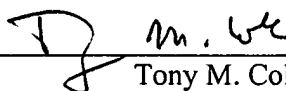
In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1, 2 and 12-17 as containing informalities. Specifically, the Examiner objected to the designation used for the sequence identifier as being improper. Applicants have amended claims 1, 2 and 12-17 to change "SEQ. ID NO." to "SEQ ID NO:" as suggested by the Examiner. In view of these amendments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to claims 1, 2 and 12-17.

The Examiner further objected to pages 5 and 14 of the disclosure as containing improper sequence identifiers. In accordance with the suggestion of the Examiner, Applicants have amended pages 5 and 14 of the disclosure to change "SEQ. ID NO." to "SEQ ID NO:". The Examiner also objected to paragraph 0041 on page 18 of the disclosure as containing an embedded hyperlink. Applicants have deleted the hyperlink in accordance with the requirements of the Examiner. Applicants note that no new matter has been added by any of the amendments to the specification. In view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections to the disclosure recited in paragraph 4 of the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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